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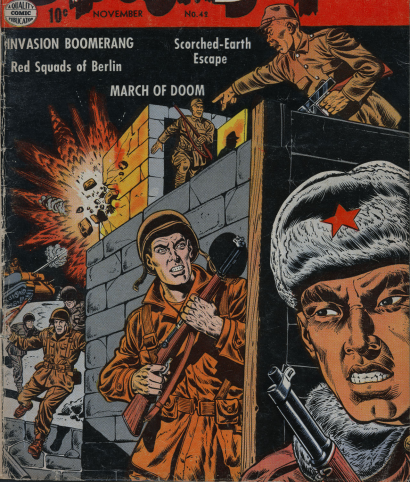
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G.J. COMBAT

The MARCH OF DOOM



IT'S RED PARATROOPS!
THEY'RE COMIN' DOWN LIKE
A BLIZZARD! WE'LL BE WIPED
OUT WITHOUT A TRACE!

NO! WE'VE GOT *ONE*
FRIEND...AND *ONE* CHANCE
...IF WE WORK FAST ENOUGH!
I'M BEGGING YOU, SARGE!
LISTEN TO *ME* THIS ONCE!

OKAY, EMMETT! WE'LL TAKE
A CHANCE BECAUSE THERE'S
NOTHIN' ELSE TO DO! LISTEN
TO EMMETT, YOU GUYS! HE'S
IN CHARGE NOW...*HEAVEN*
HELP US!

DRIFTING MENACINGLY THROUGH SPACE CAME THE HUMAN SNOW STORM, BEARING A MESSAGE OF ANNIHILATION FOR THOSE WHO STOOD BELOW AND WATCHED HELPLESSLY! CLEARLY THE RED INTENT WAS TO WIPE OUT THE SMALL FORCE OF G-1'S! WHAT TO DO? HOW TO FIGHT BACK? NOBODY BUT JIM EMMETT KNEW...AND EVEN HE WASN'T SURE!

ACROSS THE FROZEN WASTES OF THE ARCTIC STRETCHES AMERICA'S CONTINENTAL RADAR DEFENSE...



THIS RADAR CHAIN IS INTENDED TO GIVE THE WESTERN HEMISPHERE WARNING OF ANY ENEMY AIR ATTACK FROM THE NORTH!



NATURALLY, THESE INSTALLATIONS JUST DON'T SPRING OUT OF THE TUNDRA! THEY ARE BUILT BY MEN... ARMY MEN!



OKAY! BEGIN DIGGING! BACK UP THE TRUCK!

THE INSTALLATIONS ARE BUILT AT ENORMOUS COST, WITH GREAT DIFFICULTY.... INVOLVING MANY RISKS!

WAIT, MEN! THIS ICE WON'T BEAR OUR WEIGHT! WE'VE GOT TO PICK ANOTHER SITE!



TO ADD TO THE DIFFICULTIES, THE NORTH AMERICAN MAINLAND IS WITHIN DESTRUCTIVE REACH OF THE KREMLIN! AS EAGER AS UNCLE SAM IS TO BUILD THE CHAIN, THE REDS ARE AS EAGER TO SABOTAGE IT!



DA! THIS WILL GIVE THE AMERICAN RADAR SCREENS A JOLT!

WHATEVER THE AMERICANS PUT UP BY DAY, WE DESTROY BY NIGHT! THE FOOLS WILL GET NOWHERE WITH THEIR RADAR DEFENSE! THEY WILL NEVER COMPLETE IT!



THUS, U.S. PATROLS ARE CONSTANTLY ON THE ALERT FOR DIRTY WORK! ONE COLD AFTER-NOON IN MARCH 1955, TWO PLATOONS LEFT YAKSA BASE ON THEIR TOUR OF DUTY...



WOW, IT'S COLD! M-MY BREATH KEEPS TURNIN' INTO ICICLES!

DON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT THE WEATHER, SIMPSON! THE WEATHER IS YOUR FRIEND!

HERE WE GO AGAIN! EMMETT, THE HUMAN ICE CUBE IS SOUNDIN' OFF ABOUT THE BEAUTIES OF THE ARCTIC!

LOOK, EMMETT! I DON'T LIKE NORTH WIND, NORTH POLES OR NORTH ANYTHIN' ELSE—YOU CAN MENTION! I HATE THE NORTH...

THAT'S BECAUSE YOU DON'T KNOW ANYTHIN' ABOUT THE NORTH, SIMPSON!

AN' I DON'T WANT TO! WHEN MY HITCH IS UP, I DON'T EVER WANT TO SEE ICE AN' SNOW AGAIN! YOU CAN STAY ON HERE FOREVER AN' LIVE LIKE AN ESKIMO!

THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I INTEND TO DO!



I'VE LIVED IN ALASKA ALL MY LIFE! I KNOW THE TUNDRA LIKE A FARMER KNOWS HIS FIELDS! THERE'S BEAUTY AND GRANDEUR HERE... ONLY YOU'VE GOT TO HAVE EYES TO SEE IT!

MY EYE! KEEP IT ALL, EMMETT! IT'S YOURS... INCLUDIN' THE REDS WHO STALK AROUND IT!



HOURS LATER, IN THE HILLS...

LOOK AT THE SNOW COME DOWN, EMMETT! LIKE A WHITE SHEET! AN' YOU SAY NATURE AIN'T OUR ENEMY!

NOPE! NATURE IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT! NATURE IS ALSO MAN'S FRIEND!



LATER THAT DAY...

I HEAR YOU'RE SOUNDIN' OFF AGAIN WITH YOUR POETRY OF THE NORTH-LAND! KNOCK IT OFF, EMMETT! GET BUSY PUTTIN' A TENT OVER THE EQUIPMENT!

YES, SERGEANT!



SHORTLY AFTER...

LOOK AT IT PILE UP! PRETTY SOON THE SNOW'LL BE OVER OUR HEADS!

NO, IT WON'T, SIMPSON! THIS BLIZZARD'LL LET UP IN AN HOUR!

YOU BUG ME, EMMETT! HOW DO YOU KNOW SO MUCH?



I CAN TELL YOU, SARGE! EMMETT'S NOT REALLY NOT EMMETT! HE'S THAT MYTHICAL GOD OF THE NORTH HE'S ALWAYS TALKIN' ABOUT! **BOREAS! BOREAS KNOWS ALL!**

GO AHEAD! KID ME! I KNOW THE NORTHLAND AND I'M NOT ASHAMED OF IT!



I DON'T HAVE TO BE AN ESKIMO OR A GREEK GOD TO UNDERSTAND NATURE! IT'LL STOP SNOWING IN AN HOUR!... AND THAT'S **THAT!**



AN HOUR LATER...

DARNED IF THE GREAT GOD BOREAS WASN'T RIGHT! THE BLIZZARD'S STOPPED! NOT A SNOW-FLAKE'S COMIN' DOWN!

IT'S A FLUKE, SIMPSON! EMMETT MADE A LUCKY GUESS! C'MON! WE'VE GOT A **BEAT** TO TAKE CARE OF!



I'M NEW IN THIS PLATOON, SERGEANT MORTON! WHAT'RE WE SUPPOSED TO BE **LOOKING** FOR



REDS! REPAIR WORK ON THE RADAR CHAIN! NEW RADAR SITES! AN' STAYIN' ALIVE IN THIS BLASTED WASTELAND!

SHORTLY AFTER...

HEY, SARGE! I HEAR **PLANES!**

DON'T BE CRAZY, BARROWS! YOU'RE HEARIN' WIND IN YOUR EARS!



NO, SARGE! THERE'S NO WIND NOW! IT'S DIED DOWN! I HEAR **PLANES!** COMIN' IN LOW!

THEN YOU'RE ALL CRAZY! KEEP **MARCHIN'!**



NO, SARGE! NO! **LOOK!**

HMM! ALL RIGHT! SO **THERE'RE** PLANES! THEY'RE PROBABLY OUR PLANES!





LISTEN TO WHAT? WHAT'RE YOU TALKIN' ABOUT?

THE SNOW! THE ICE! THE TERRAIN! NOBODY KNOWS IT LIKE I KNOW IT! I CAN MAKE NATURE WORK FOR US, SARGE!



THAT *NATURE* STUFF AGAIN? DON'T LISTEN TO HIM, SARGE! EMMETT'S STARK RAVIN' MAD!

I DON'T KNOW, SIMPSON! I'M LOOKING AT THOSE REDS COMIN' DOWN... AN' IT'S LIKE LOOKIN' OUR *FINISH* IN THE FACE! I DON'T KNOW HOW TO STOP 'EM! NOT A HORDE LIKE *THAT*!



WE'VE GOT TO TAKE A CHANCE BECAUSE THERE'S NOTHIN' ELSE TO DO! IF EMMETT HAS AN ANSWER, WE *NEED* IT! LISTEN TO EMMETT, YOU GUYS! HE'S IN CHARGE NOW!

THANKS, SARGE! C'MON, MEN! ON THE DOUBLE! INTO THE HILLS! FOLLOW MY TRACKS!



SHORTLY AFTER, IN THE HILLS...

T-THEY'RE CLOSIN' THE GAP! WHAT'RE WE CRAWLIN' AT A SNAIL'S PACE FOR? IF YOU'RE LEADIN' US...LEAD!



WAIT! C-COME BACK, YOU FOOL!

THERE'S A CREVICE AHEAD!



H-HOLY JUMPIN'!

THAT'S WHY WE WENT SLOWLY! YOU'RE LUCKY YOU'RE NOT FOLLOWING THAT RIFLE DOWN, SIMPSON! THERE'S TWENTY FEET MORE OF THAT PAPER-THIN ICE CRUST AHEAD! THIS WAY, QUICK!



Y-YEAH, EMMETT! RIGHT BEHIND YOU!

SHOW YOURSELVES! WE MIGHT CATCH A BUNCH OF COMMIES!



H-HERE THEY COME!

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AFTER THE BOYS CUT THROUGH TO THE WATER, SARGE, I WANT 'EM TO CUT ANOTHER HOLE 100 FEET DUE NORTH! THAT'LL BE MY ESCAPE HATCH FROM UNDER THE ICE!

U-UNDER THE ICE? YOU GOIN' UNDER THE ICE?

RIGHT! I'M SOWING THESE MINES UNDER IT! WHEN THE REDS PASS OVER, I'LL TOUCH THE MINES OFF!

Y-YOU'RE CRAZY, EMMETT! PLUMB CRAZY!

FIVE MINUTES LATER, AS THE FURIOUS REDS THUNDERED ONTO THE ICE!

I'M IN LUCK! THE COMRADES DIDN'T SPOT MY METAL TUBE SNORKEL! NOW IF SGT. MORTON DOES HIS PART AND KEEPS THOSE REDS PINNED DOWN ON THE ICE!

I-I'VE GOT TO ASSUME THE REDS ARE STYMIED! I CAN'T STAY UNDER ANY LONGER! MY LUNGS ARE BURSTING!

KEEP FIRIN'! EMMETT'LL BE COMIN' UP ANY SECOND! I DON'T WANT RED BOOTS ON HIS NECK WHEN HE DOES!

THERE HE IS! CEASE FIRE! CEASE FIRE!

SARGE! WHAT'RE YOU WAITING FOR? TAKE OFF! IT'S GOING TO BLOW!

BARROOMM! BARROOMM!



YAAAAA!

I-I STILL DON'T KNOW HOW YOU DID IT, EMMETT! BUT YOU SURE DELIVERED A SUNDAY PUNCH! WE'VE GOT 'EM ON THE ROPE!

NO! THEY'RE NOT OUT YET! WHOEVER'S LEFT WILL SKIRT THE LAKE AND CONTINUE THE CHASE! I'VE GOT **ANOTHER** PLAN! KEEP CLIMBING!



TWENTY MINUTES LATER, HIGHER UP...

HERE THEY COME, EMMETT! THEY LOOK AS IF THEY'RE READY TO TEAR US APART!

TOO BAD ABOUT 'EM, SARGE! THEY CAME HERE ON A MURDER MISSION!



THEY PARACHUTED ENOUGH REDS TO MAKE UP TWENTY SABOTAGE TEAMS! WHAT THEY **CAME** FOR AND WHAT THEY'LL **GET** ARE TWO DIFFERENT THINGS! LET 'ER **BLOW!**



T-THE MOUNTAIN!
T-THEY BLEW IT UP!

IT'S AN AVALANCHE!
RUN! RUN!



YAAAAA!

SHORTLY AFTER, AS THE REMAINING REDS SURRENDERED...

EMMETT, I TAKE BACK EVERYTHING I SAID! WITHOUT YOU AND YOUR SNOW WE'D BE UNDER IT, NOT OVER IT!

SIMPSON'S RIGHT, EMMETT! I DON'T KNOW WHO'S BEEN MORE WONDERFUL --- YOU OR NATURE! BUT THANKS TO BOTH OF YOU, THE **REDS** VE MARCHED TO THEIR DOOM, NOT US!



G.I. COMBAT

SCORCHED-EARTH ESCAPE



ON THE DOUBLE, YOU GUYS!
IF WE DON'T LEVEL THIS PLACE
TO THE GROUND ALL OUR U.S.
EQUIPMENT TO THE FRENCH
WILL FALL INTO VIETMINH
HANDS!

THAT'S A TALL
ORDER, JOEY! THIS
PLACE IS CRAWLIN'
WITH TROOPS!

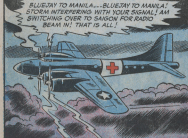
THEY COULD HAVE SLIPPED SAFELY THROUGH
ENEMY LINES TO FREEDOM! BUT THE VIETMINH
REBELS OF INDO-CHINA HAD DECLARED A PRIVATE
WAR ON THE FIVE AMERICANS! AND THE G.I.'S MADE
SURE NO FORCE ON EARTH COULD REMOVE THEM
FROM THE TERRITORY UNTIL THEY HAD LEVELED
THE COMMUNIST RADIO STATION!

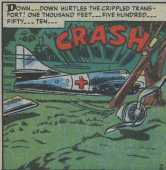
OVER THE SOUTH CHINA SEA A LONE U.S. ARMY TRANS-
PORT BATTERS ITS WAY THROUGH A VIOLENT STORM
TOWARD THE COAST OF INDO-CHINA!

BLUEJAY TO MANILA... BLUEJAY TO MANILA!
STORM INTERFERING WITH YOUR SIGNAL! AM
SWITCHING OVER TO SAIGON FOR RADIO
BEAM IN! THAT IS ALL!

HOW'S SAIGON
COMING IN,
HARRY?

CLEAR AS A BELL, BUDDY... A
GOOD STRONG SIGNAL! WHY DON'T
YOU GO BACK AND SEE HOW THE
BOYS ARE DOING?







HEY, HARRY...
WHERE YOU
GOING?

OUR RADIO EQUIPMENT IS
STILL INTACT! I'M GOING TO
RIG UP AN APPARATUS AND
TRACK DOWN THAT POWERFUL
BEAM WE WERE PICKING UP
BEFORE WE CRASHED!



HOURS LATER, AS THE LOST G.I.'S SNAKE THROUGH THE JUNGLE...

WE MUST BE GETTIN' MIGHTY
CLOSE TO THAT SENDIN' STATION!
EVEN I CAN HEAR THE SIGNAL
FROM THOSE EAR PHONES
NOW!

YEAH... WE'RE PRACTICALLY
ON TOP OF IT! AND I GOT NEWS
FOR YOU, BOYS... THIS ISN'T
SAIGON!



THEN, AT THE RISE OF A HILL...

WELL, I'LL BE...
WHAT ARE THE
REDS BUILDIN' A
RADIO STATION
WAY OUT HERE
FOR?

I THINK I'M
BEGINNING TO
CATCH
ON!

CUT THE CHATTER
AND TAKE COVER!
THIS PLACE IS
GUARDED LIKE FORT
KNOX!



WHAT DO YOU
MEAN, HARRY?
WHAT'S THEIR
ANGLE?

THE REDS ARE JAMMING OUT
THE SAIGON RADIO BEAM AND
SUBSTITUTING ONE OF THEIR OWN
TO LURE OUR PLANES INTO THEIR
HANDS! WE MUST HAVE BEEN
THEIR FIRST CATCH!



GOSH... THEY
COULD SURE
CAPTURE A
PILE OF OUR
EQUIPMENT
FROM ALL
THOSE
TRANSPORTS
HEADED FOR
THE FRENCH
IN SAIGON!

THAT'S RIGHT,
JOEY! FROM
THE LOOKS
OF THINGS,
MEN, WE'VE
BEEN DRAWN
INTO A LITTLE
PRIVATE WAR
OF OUR OWN!
SHALL WE
ACCEPT?

IF IT'S A
FIGHT THEY
WANT
THEY
CAME
TO THE
RIGHT
PEOPLE!
KEEP
TALKIN',
HARRY!

IT WOULD TAKE THEM A YEAR
TO REPLACE EQUIPMENT LIKE
THAT! MY IDEA IS TO MOVE IN
FAST... COMMANDO STYLE...
AND BLAST THE STATION TO
OBIVION! OF COURSE, THE
CHANCES OF ESCAPING...

WE'LL WORRY 'BOUT
THAT WHEN THE TIME
COMES, HARRY!



THAT EVENING, AS DARKNESS
SETTLES OVER THE TERRITORY FIVE
FIGURES SLIP FROM THE JUNGLE AND...





A MOMENT LATER, THE GREAT ENEMY TANK LURCHES FORWARD WITH ITS G.I. CREW!

W-H-E-Y, SARGE... YOU SURE THIS CONTRAPTION IS STRONG ENOUGH TO DO THE JOB?

I WASN'T IN THE TANK CORPS FOR SEVEN YEARS FOR CHUCKLES! BRACE YOURSELVES... THIS ISN'T GONNA BE A LOVE PAT!



YAHOO! BY THE TIME THEY CAN PUT TOGETHER ANOTHER RADIO TOWER THE FRENCHIES WILL HAVE THIS WAR IN THE BAG!

NICE GOING, SARGE!

THANKS! I EYED A HEAP OF JERRY CANS AT THE END OF THE FIELD! WE'LL NEED EVERY DROP OF GAS IN 'EM TO PUSH THIS THING FIVE HUNDRED MILES!



DAYS LATER, AS THE ENEMY TANK WITH ITS INCREDIBLE CREW ROLLS SOUTHWARD...

HI YI!

HOW 'BOUT THAT! THESE CHARACTERS THINK WE'RE ON THEIR TEAM 'CAUSE OF THE MARKINGS ON THE TANK! HEY...



...WHAT HAPPENS WHEN WE REACH THE FRENCH LINES! THEY'LL BLAST THIS TIN CAN APART WHEN THEY SEE THE VICTIMH EMBLEM!

YEAH... AND IF WE ABANDON THE TANK THESE JOKERS WILL CUT US DOWN!

I THINK I GOT THE ANSWER, BOYS! JOEY'S STILL WEARIN' HIS WINTER UNIFORM!



AT THE LINE FRENCH TROOPS RUB THEIR EYES IN DISBELIEF AS A TANK BRANDISHING A STRANGE OBJECT THUNDERS TOWARD THEM!

HOLD YOUR FIRE!



AH... SET IS OUR FRIENDS... ZE CRAZZE AMERICANS!

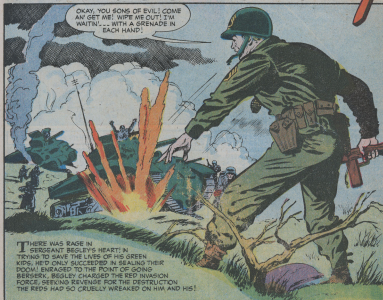
JOEY, BOY... I'LL NEVER NEEDLE YA 'BOUT THOSE LONG-JOHN'S AGAIN!

STOP BLABBERIN' AND GET ME ANOTHER PAIR, SARGE! I'M NEAR FROZEN TO DEATH IN THIS NIGHT AIR! BRER!



G.I. COMBAT

Invasion Boomerang



THERE WAS RAGE IN SERGEANT BEGLEY'S HEART! IN TRYING TO SAVE THE LIVES OF HIS GREEN KIDS, HE'D ONLY SUCCEEDED IN SEALING THEIR DOOM! ENRAGED TO THE POINT OF GOING BERSERK, BEGLEY CHARGED THE RED INVASION FORCE, SEEKING REVENGE FOR THE DESTRUCTION THE REDS HAD SO CRUELLY WRECKED ON HIM AND HIS!

ONE OF THE WORST DAYS IN SERGEANT MIKE BEGLEY'S LIFE WAS THE DAY HE TOOK LEAVE OF THE MEN WHO HAD FOUGHT THROUGH THE KOREAN WAR WITH HIM....



BUT I'LL MISS 'EM! MISS 'EM LIKE CRAZY! NO SERGEANT EVER HAD A FINER PLATOON!

SO LONG, SARGE! WRITE TO US! WE'LL WRITE TO YOU!



G.I. COMBAT

NOW I'VE GOT TO START ALL OVER AGAIN...TRAININ' A **NEW** PLATOON OF KIDS! GREEN KIDS! FRESH FROM THE DRAFT BOARD! I GET THE **WILLIES** WHEN I THINK OF IT!



NOT THAT I FEEL CONTEMPT FOR ROOKIES! ANYHIN' **BUT!** IT'S JUST THAT GREEN KIDS ARE LIKE A FLOCK OF INNOCENT SHEEP YOU'VE GOT TO TAKE GOOD CARE OF; YOU BECOME A SHEPHERD INSTEAD OF A SERGEANT!



THE FOLLOWING DAY A RUNTHAL, A U.S. DEFENSE BASE IN WEST GERMANY....

LET'S BE HONEST, BOYS! YOU KNOW **NOTHIN'** ABOUT THE WAR! NOTHIN' ABOUT **SOLDIERIN'!** MAYBE YOU GOT THE **WILL**, BUT YOU AIN'T GOT THE EXPERIENCE!



THAT'S WHAT I'M TRYIN' TO BRING OUT! **NOTHIN'** TAKES THE PLACE OF EXPERIENCE! UNTIL YOU **GET** EXPERIENCE, YOU'LL LISTEN TO ME AN' DO EVERYTHIN' I SAY! WITH **NO** EXCEPTIONS!



AND SO SERGEANT BEGLETT BEGAN THE PAINFUL PROCESS OF TAKING THE "GREEN" OUT OF HIS GREEN KIDS!

DONEGAN, YOU'RE SLOW AS MOLASSES! LEWIS! YOU'RE TANGLED UP IN YOUR OWN FEET! NO, NO, MAXWELL! YOU'VE GOT IT ALL **WRONGS!**



IT WAS NO EASY JOB TURNING HIS CHARGES INTO A CRACK GROUP....

GET DOWN, LAURO! RUN IN A CROUCH! SIMMONS HUG THE GROUND! WESTON, YOU FOOL! YOU'RE BLOCKIN' THE FIRE OF YOUR OWN BUDDIES! YOU'D HAVE YOUR HEAD BLOWN OFF IN COMBAT!



A FEW WEEKS LATER, ON THE DRILL GROUNDS OF RUNTHAL....

YOU'VE BEEN DRILLIN' THE HIDE OFF THESE BOYS, BEGLETT! HOW'RE THEY PROGRESSING?

IT'S A GOOD THING WE AIN'T FIGHTIN' A WAR!



BUT WE'RE NOT FIGHTING A WAR, BEGLEY! WE'RE JUST A PEACE-TIME DEFENSE ARMY! OUR STANDARDS DON'T HAVE TO BE SO HIGH!

YOU TELL THAT TO THE REDS! I AIN'T FOOLED BY THIS COLD WAR BALONEY! YOU KNOW AS WELL AS I DO THE REDS VIOLATE THE WEST GERMAN BORDER EVERY NIGHT!

WHAT AN' IF THEM COMMIE BUZZARDS COME AROUND LOOKIN' FOR TROUBLE, I AIN'T ANSWERIN' THEIR GUNFIRE WITH EXCUSES ABOUT US BEIN' AN UNTRAINED, CIVILIAN ARMY! ANY PLATOON OF MINE WILL LEARN HOW TO FIGHT... PERIOD!

OF COURSE, I'LL KEEP 'EM OUT OF TROUBLE TILL THEY'RE READY! ANY RED ATTACK'D CUT THESE INEXPERIENCED KIDS TO RIBBONS! I AIN'T GOIN' TO PERMIT THAT! HOSBRI!



A FEW DAYS LATER, AS BEGLEY CONDUCTED HIS PLATOON ALONG THE BORDER TO FAMILIARIZE THEM WITH BORDER DEFENSES...

THESE HERE ARE THE MARKERS THAT DIVIDE EAST GERMANY FROM WEST GERMANY! MAKE SURE YOU STAY ON THE WEST SIDE! STEP EAST BY ONE INCH AN' THEY'LL SCREAM INVASION!



HMMM... SOMETHIN'S WRONGS HERE! THESE MARKERS AREN'T IN THE RIGHT PLACES! THEY DON'T CONFORM WITH THE TERRAIN!

DON'T BE SILLY, SARGE! THE MARKERS COULD NOT CHARGE THEMSELVES!



I DIDN'T SAY THAT! I ONLY SAY THIS ISN'T WEST GERMANY! I NEVER SAW THOSE TREES OR RIDGES ON OUR SIDE OF THE BORDER!



SUDDENLY...

ATTACK! WIPE THEM OUT!



R-REDS!

I-I TOLD YOU SOMETHIN' WAS WRONG!
THE REDS SECRETLY MOVED THE
MARKERS INTO THEIR OWN TERRITORY SO
THAT OUR PATROLS WOULD ACCIDENTALLY
WANDER INTO EAST GERMAN TERRITORY!

I KNOW THEIR THINKIN'! THE REDS WANT AN
EXCUSE TO STAGE A RETALIATORY INVASION
...ON THE EXCUSE THAT WE FIRST INVADED
THEM!...GET DOWN! MAKE YOURSELVES
A TOUGH TARGET!

B-BUT
WHAT
CAN THEY
GAIN!

PLENTY! THEY CAN KNOCK
OUT VALLUABLE WEST
GERMAN DEFENSE INSTAL-
LATIONS AN' SET BACK
OUR DEFENSE PLANS FOR
MANY MONTHS!

THEY'LL DO IT ON THE EXCUSE
THAT THEY CHASED US BACK IN
RIGHTBOUS RAGE! BLAST THEIR
HIDES! WE'LL SHOW 'EM! UP
AN' AT 'EM!

YOU KIDS AIN'T ANY MORE FIT FOR A
CHARGE THROUGH THEIR WEAK FLANK
THAN YOU ARE FOR LYIN' ON THE
GROUND AN' TRYIN' TO BEAT 'EM OFF!
BUT AT LEAST 7M/5 WAY THEY CAN'T
SNEAK UP BEHIND US!

YIIIIIIII!

T-THEY'RE BREAKIN' RANKS! THEY'RE
RUNNIN' LIKE RABBITS! THEY DON'T
EXPECT THIS ATTACK!

THEY WANT TO CATCH THEIR SECOND
WIND! THEY'LL ATTACK IN STRONGER
FORCE IN A FEW SECONDS!

LET 'EM COME,
SARGE! WE'LL DIS
IN ALONG THAT
RIDGE!

WEE? WHERE DO YOU GET THAT WE STUFF? I'LL DIG IN HERE! YOU DON'T KNOW THE MEANIN' OF COMBAT! YOU TAKE OFF AN' GET TO THE POST WHILE THE GETTIN'S GOOD!

B-BUT YOU CAN'T HOLD OFF THOSE REDS ALONE!

YOU THINK YOU'RE A HELP TO ME! YOU'RE A HINDRANCE! I'VE GOTTA LOOK AFTER YOU! NOW DO LIKE I SAY! TAKE OFF... AN' FAST! WARN THE POST! I'LL COVER YOUR ESCAPE!

WE CAN'T, SARGE! WE CAN'T LEAVE YOU ALONE!



LEAVE, I SAID! THAT'S AN ORDER! LEAVE...OR I'LL BLAST YOU! IF YOU DON'T DO LIKE I SAY, I'LL COURT-MARTIAL THE LOT OF YOU!

B-BUT, SARGE...WE'RE NOT AS GREEN AS YOU THINK!

YOU'RE GREENER! I KNOW WHAT WAR IS! YOU DON'T...AN' YOU'RE GOIN'! NOW SCRAM...OR THE REDS WON'T HAVE TO MOW YOU DOWN! I WILL!

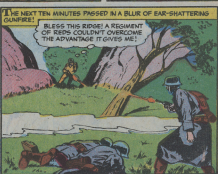
THEY'RE GOOD KIDS! THEIR INSTINCT WAS TO STAY! BUT I COULDN'T RISK THEIR YOUNG LIVES WHEN MY PUTTIN' UP A STAND COULD SAVE 'EM!



HERE THEY COME! THEY'LL PAY FOR EVERY INCH OF WESTERN TERRITORY THEY STEP ON!

THE NEXT TEN MINUTES PASSED IN A BLUR OF EAR-SHATTERING GUNFIRE!

BLESS THIS RIDGE! A REGIMENT OF REDS COULDN'T OVERCOME THE ADVANTAGE IT GIVES ME!



G.I. COMBAT

MINUTES LATER, AS THE ENEMY WAS SENT REELING BACKWARDS...



I CAN MAKE THE POST MY-SELF! I CAN EVEN CATCH UP WITH THE KIDS!



BUT FIVE MINUTES LATER, AS BEGLEY STREAKED TOWARD THE REAR...



THEY MUST'VE MADE A W-WIDE FLANKIN' INVASION! T-THEY AMBUSHED MY KIDS! MY GREEN KIDS! IN TRYIN' TO SAVE THEIR LIVES, I SENT 'EM TO THEIR DOOM!



BUT FOR ALL HIS RAGE, FOR ALL HIS BRAVERY, FOR ALL THE DAMAGE HE DID, THE TANKS WERE TOO MUCH FOR BEGLEY!

I-I'M OUT OF GRENADES! I'M DONE FOR!



T-THEY'VE GOT ME! I HAVEN'T GOT A C-CHANCE NOW!



SUPPENLY...JUST WHEN BEGLEY GAVE HIMSELF UP FOR LOST...

T-THE TANKS! T-THEY'RE EXPLODIN'!



I-I'M SEEN' THINGS!



M-MY KIDS! MY GREEN KIDS! THEY'RE ALIVE! THEY'RE MAKIN' HASH OUT OF THEM TANKS! THEY MUST'VE TAKEN COVER ON ENCOUNTERIN' 'EM!



RELAX, SARGE! WE GOT THE SITUATION WELL IN HAND!

AN'I WAS WORRIED ABOUT THEM! I TRIED TO SAVE THEIR NECKS!



LATER THAT DAY, AT THE POST...

BEGLEY! I THOUGHT YOU TOLD US YOUR KIDS COULDN'T FIGHT!

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Treachery In Korea

"CAPPY DUNN was not the most popular fellow in his barracks. Cappy's unit was stationed in South Korea . . . one of several U.S. forces whose job it was to see that the Communists of North Korea didn't go on another invasion rampage.

For the most part, barracks life was like all barracks' life anywhere. It was dull and boring. At least the patrols took one into the open air. There was always the chance of picking up a battle with border runners from the Soviet zone. Not a day passed but that Red spies, Red black marketeers and Red sabotage squads attempted to pierce the border guard.

But in the barracks life was dull. One day he had a brainstorm. All his life he had suffered from one unrequited ambition. Cappy wanted to learn how to play the trumpet. The jazz trumpet. But somehow, between one thing and another, the necessity to work or fight wars, prevented Cappy from doing anything about his ambition. Then the day came when he read an ad in a magazine about how easy it was to learn how to play the trumpet from a correspondence course. In no time flat Cappy had ordered a trumpet and six months' worth of musical instructions. Then the trouble began.

The American soldier is a broad-minded fellow . . . and a tolerant one. But even the most tolerant G.I. in Cappy Dunn's barracks was soon screaming his complaints to the high heavens over Cappy's trumpet lessons. For so great was Cappy's enthusiasm and so rapidly did he advance in his lessons that his every available moment was given over to his great passion. With the result that the barracks building was constantly rocking with his trumpeting. "Cut it out for once!" complained Bill Gregg, one of Cappy's platoon members.

"That's right!" chimed in Joe Mason, another buddy. "Give our ears a rest! All day long we hear nothin' but that danged trumpet! Enough already!" But Cappy went on as if he heard nothing. This is why Cappy became so unpopular.

One evening Cappy was patrolling the Tahai sector of the border with half his company. There were six men with Cappy . . . all of them acting like a scouting party. Cappy walked alone . . . and in silence. But he was used to it by now.

He was walking somewhat apart from the others when a sudden burst of machine gun fire ripped the foliage from the tree alongside him. By instinct, Cappy flung himself forward, full length, on the ground. The other six G.I.'s followed suit. A large party of Reds rose from a distant line of thickets and raced forward, firing. "R-REDS!" shrieked Joe Mason. The seven of them needed no instructions. They fired away like madmen, but still the Reds came on. If they remained there, they were doomed. Cappy rose to his feet. "Follow me!" he yelled.

Despite their hard feelings about Cappy's trumpet lessons, the others knew enough about Cappy to realize that when Cappy had something on his mind, it was for a good reason. They rose quickly and followed him. A hail of bullets kept them company, but fortunately, no bullet found a mark. Soon the seven of them had put a hundred yards of timber and undergrowth between them and the Reds. "There's a cave here!" hissed Cappy. "I remember it from a patrol I was on a week ago!" They followed Cappy into the dank darkness, and remained there as they heard the Reds passing by.

They were safe, for the time being. But to Cappy's horror, he saw a huge force of Reds arranging themselves, fanning out, beyond the cave. It was clear what the Reds were waiting for. They were obviously expecting Cappy's company . . . and were preparing a disaster for them. Apparently, Red spy sources had learned of the company movements . . . and had crossed the border to deliver a sneak blow against the Americans. If the seven of them remained there . . . without any possibility of warning the oncoming company, the latter would be massacred! For five minutes the seven G.I.'s whispered among themselves, torn and undecided about what to do. They could never, physically, crash through the Red ambush force. Suddenly Cappy caught sight of a Red moving in the brush nearby. It took him one instant to make up his mind . . . and one instant more to reach the Red. With a muffled cry the Red went down. Grimly, Cappy tore something from the fallen Commie's hand . . . and put it to his lips. The twilight air was rent with the sound of a trumpet blasting out a jazz tune. The six G.I.'s in the cave were paralyzed with horror. "You know what h-he's playin'?" gasped Bill Gregg. "That jazz classic, *When the Saints Come Marchin' In!*"

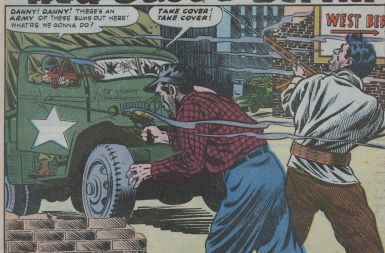
Suddenly Cappy switched off into another riff of hot trumpeting. "H-He's changed!" exclaimed Joe Mason. "Now he's playin' *Red Sails in the Sunset!* Do you GET it? Cappy saw a Red trumpeter out there gettin' ready to give the signal to attack. So Cappy JUMPED him . . . to blast out HIS signal to the company! *The Saints Marchin' In* stands for our boys . . . an' the *Red Sails in the Sunset* . . . that's the REDS waitin' for the company to march into an ambush! *Sunset* . . . that means EAST! The sun goes down in the East an' the company's marchin' EAST!"

The rest was company history. The enraged Reds attacked the seven G.I.'s who successfully held them at bay from the cave mouth. Then the company moved in and routed the ambushers. It was clear now to every man in the barracks that Cappy Dunn had earned the right to play his trumpet as long as he wanted to. It was sweet music to them now!

The Red Squad of Berlin

DANNY! DANNY! THERE'S AN ARMY OF THESE BUMS OUT HERE! WHAT'RE WE GONNA DO?

TAKE COVER!
TAKE COVER!



THE NIGHT RAIDERS DROPPED DOWN FROM THE ROOF TOPS AND SUDDENLY THE PEACEFUL FOOD CONVOY DETAIL FOUND ITSELF ENSNARED IN BLOODY COMBAT! AND WHEN THE SMOKE OF BATTLE LIFTED JUST THREE G.I.'S REMAINED --- THREE MEN WHO MUST BREAK THE BACK OF THE RED ATTACKERS AND SALVAGE THE VITAL FOOD SUPPLIES!

AT REGIMENTAL SUPPLY HEADQUARTERS
IN WESTERN BERLIN...

WHERE IN THUNDER IS THAT FOOD SUPPLY CONVOY, CAPTAIN? THE SCHEDULE STATED IT WAS DUE HERE AT MIDNIGHT AND IT'S PAST ONE O'CLOCK NOW!

SHE SHOULD BE HERE WITHIN THE HOUR, SIR! A DELAY IN FUELING THE TRUCKS HELD THE TRIP UP!

U.S. ARMY
DEPOT



GOOD! IT'S MIGHTY IMPORTANT WE LIVE UP TO OUR AGREEMENT TO DISTRIBUTE THAT FOOD TONNAGE TO THE CITIZENS FIRST THING IN THE MORNING! THE REDS ARE BREAKING THEIR NECKS TO MAKE US LOOK LIKE LIARS TO THE GERMAN POPULACE!

YES, SIR!



MEANWHILE, OPERATION 'CHOW-UP' WINDS ITS WAY THROUGH WESTERN BERLIN FROM THE WAREHOUSE TO THE DISTRIBUTION CENTER ...

BOY, THIS IS THE LAUGH OF THE YEAR! HERE I AM HALF STARVED AND SITTING ON TOP OF EIGHT TRUCK LOADS OF CHOW!

SO, I'M HUNGRY, TOO! STOP THE GRIPING!



DOWN THE WEST BERLIN STREETS HEADS THE FOOD CONVOY ...

RAIN AND MUCK! RAIN AND MUCK! NOW, IF I WAS BACK IN 'FRISCO I'D BE HAVING ME A NICE LUNCH ON THE BEACH WITH SOME DE-LIGHTFUL CHICK!

AW, SHUT UP, PETE!



MEANWHILE, AHEAD OF THE CONVOY...

TRUCKS COMING!
READY!

READY!

READY!



ABRUPTLY, ALL HELL BREAKS LOOSE:



WHAT GIVES, DANNY?



COMMIES! THEY'RE TRYING TA SCUTTLE US!

YIPE!



GOT 'EM, DANNY! THE PLACE IS ALIVE WITH REDS!



IT'S A FULL SCALE ASSAULT! JEEPS!
WE HAVEN'T THE FIREPOWER TO
BUCK ANYTHING LIKE THIS!

TAKE
COVER!



HEY, MUD HEADS!
OVER HERE!

Y-YEAH, BOYS! LET'S
HIT IT, DANNY!



YA MANGY RED BUMS!
HIT IT, BOYS!



THANKS, PAL! WHAT GIVES?
THEY'RE NOT DESTROYING
THE FOOD --- THEY'RE
LUGGING IT OFF!

YEAH! HOW IN SAM
WILL DO THEY FIGURE
TO GET IT PASSED OUR
BOYS AT THE SECTOR
GUARD HOUSE?



WELL, I'LL
GET ME
AS MANY
AS I
CAN!

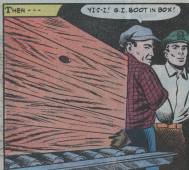
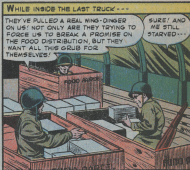
HOLD IT! SHOOTING UP
A COUPLE MORE OF
THOSE APES ISN'T
GOING TO SAVE THE
SHOW! NEVE GOTTA
USE OUR HEADS ...



DON'T YOU SEE! THEY MUST HAVE
SOME TERRIFIC ANGLE TO
SMUGGLE THIS STUFF
OVER TO THE EASTERN
SECTOR --- NON IF WE
WAS TO GO ALONG ---
FIND OUT THEIR
GIMMICK ---

DANNY
BOY,
YOU'VE
GOT
SOMETHING!
LET'S GO!







HURRY! DON'T WASTE FURTHER TIME!



BUT SUDDENLY---

HANG ON, GANG! I GOT ME A PLAYTHING!

PETE! ALIVE!

MM--T



HOW'D YA DO IT, PETE? JESPE! I THOUGHT FOR SURE YOU WERE CHOPPED UP INSIDE THAT CARTON!

LEFT MY BOOT INSIDE THE BOX AND CUT MY WAY OUTA THE BACK, PAL! YANOG! LOOKIT THOSE GUYS SCATTER!



THEN, AS THE SOUND OF GUN FIRE BRINGS REINFORCEMENTS TO THE BELEAGUERED TRIO---

TAKE CARE OF 'EM, BOYS! WE GOT A DEADLINE TO MEET--- THIS STUFF IS DUE AT THE FOOD DEPOT AT DAWN--- UNCLE SAM HAS A PROMISE TO KEEP!

YEAH! WE'LL NEED SOME MORE ORNERS! YOU GOT 'EM!



SHORTLY, OPERATION 'CHOW-UP' ROLLS OUT OF THE RED HIDEOUT AND ---

LET'S HIT IT, DANNY! DON'T SPARE THE HORSEPOWER!

RIGHT BEHIND YOU, PETE!



FIFTEEN MINUTES LATER AT THE ARMY FOOD DEPOT---

PERHAPS... THE AMERICANS CAN- NOT FEED US! PERHAPS THEY JUST TRY TO KEEP OUR SPIRITS UP WITH STORES---

NO! NO! THERE ARE TRUCKS COMING NOW!



SO THAT'S ABOUT IT, MAJOR, WE TAGGED ALONG AND LOCATED THEIR SECRET UNDER- GROUND ENTRANCE INTO THE EASTERN SECTOR!

GREAT WORK, MEN! I'M CERTAINLY GOING TO PUT YOU FELLOWS UP FOR A CITATION!

MAJOR, PLEASE---THE CITATION LATER--- RIGHT NOW HOW ABOUT SOME---CHOW!



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